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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been considered for patentability by the Examiner and Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for determining that Claims 3 and 6 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner has rejected claims 5 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for the contextual use of "it". Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yonezawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,095,509). Claims 4-5 and 7-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonezawa as modified by Kawakami (U.S. Patent No. 6,598,713).

Applicant herein amends Claim 3 to include the limitations of Claim 1, amends Claim 6 to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2, and cancels each rejected claim to obviate the rejections and place claims 3 and 6 in a condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

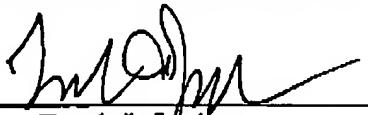
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